Outstanding Dometsic and Foreign Loans

*12. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated trade deficit during 1994-95 and the amount of domestic and foreign loans outstanding against the country and the interest paid or due thereon as on March 31, 1995;

(b) the amount of domestic and foreign loans taken during the last three years;

(c) whether the non-development expenses including administrative expenses are continuously on the increase as compared to 1992-93;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to curtail such expenditure of the Ministries; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) The estimated trade deficit during 1994-95 was Rs. 7297 crores ($ 2324 million) according to the provisional DGCI&S data. The amount of internal borrowings and other liabilities of Government of India outstanding at the end of March 1995 was Rs. 4,90,701 crores. The interest paid thereon was Rs. 39,890 crores during 1994-95. India's external debt at the end of March 1995 is estimated to have been US $99.04 billion and the amount of interest paid on external debt during 1994-95 was $ 4130 million.

(b) Domestic and foreign loans (Government Account) taken during the last three years are as follow:

(Rs. crores)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Net internal borrowings and other liabilities	41941	70968	60378 (RE)
raised during the year			
Foreign Loans (Govt. Account)	8995	9230	8614

(c) The non-development expenditure of the Central Government has been as follows:-

	Rs. crores
1992-93	61,578
1993-94	71,708
1995-96	80,803

(d) and (e) Non-development expenditure includes many obligatory and unavoidable items such as interest payments, pension etc. Keeping the non-developmental expenditure under control is a continuous process. Instructions have already been issued on effecting reduction in establishment, reduction in fuel consumption, avoidance of conspicuous consumption, etc. Restrictions have also been imposed on reappropriation of savings for meeting additional expenditure. The Ministries have been advised to comply with the economy instructions.

Meeting of the Censor Board

*13. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the Censor Board for censorship of various films held during the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that rules and procedure have not been followed according to the provisions of law with regard to the meetings of the Censor Board; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) During 1993, 1994 and 1995 two meetings of the Board of Film Certification were held. As per rule 14 of the Cinemato-